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WHEREAS; observed annually on March 31, International Transgender Day of Visibility is a day set aside to celebrate the countless contributions that transgender and non-binary people have made worldwide—including here in Wisconsin—and to affirm their strength, resilience, and perseverance in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS; transgender and non-binary individuals in Wisconsin, throughout the country, and around the world have collectively worked to overcome discrimination on the basis of gender, race, sexuality, identity, class, and more for generations, combating social stigma, demanding visibility, and working tirelessly towards equality and fairness for all people by combating indignity with dignity; and

WHEREAS; each and every day, transgender and non-binary Wisconsinites lead by example, empowering folks throughout the state to embrace who they are, be true to themselves, and live their most authentic and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS; while progress has been made, there is still much more work to be done to ensure that transgender and non-binary Wisconsinites are treated equitably and with dignity, both under the law and in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates diversity as an asset to communities across the state and reaffirms that every Wisconsinite deserves to stand boldly in their truth without fear of persecution, hate, violence, or discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2023, as

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throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State